REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *fm-09-19-068* is classified as: Objectionable.

The computer image file is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image presents two girls in their early to mid-teens, naked except for fishnet stockings and costume jewellery, in a manner intended to sexually titillate or arouse viewers. The computer file format, and the image the file contains, encourages viewers to pursue a sexual interest in young persons and validates the idea that young persons are suitable sexual partners for adult viewers.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.